

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:	Lev Ring et al.	§	GROUP ART UNIT:	3754
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SERIAL NO.:	10/784,679	§	EXAMINER:	Patrick F. Brinson
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FILED:	February 23, 2004	§	CONFIRMATION No.:	1897
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FOR:	Lubricant Coating For	§		
	Expandable Tubular Members	§		

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 28, 2008

Atty Docket No.: 2725-31800

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Date: February 27, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect Group III, namely claims 7-14 and 149-152, with traverse. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement because the Examiner has issued the restriction requirement based on PCT Rules. The above-referenced application is a U.S. application, not a PCT application. Thus, for at least this reason, the restriction requirement is improper. Moreover, until the Examiner applies U.S. rules, Applicants are unable to respond to such a restriction requirement. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred in this application to Deposit Account No. 03-2769 of Conley Rose, P.C. Houston, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

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